

Fig. 1

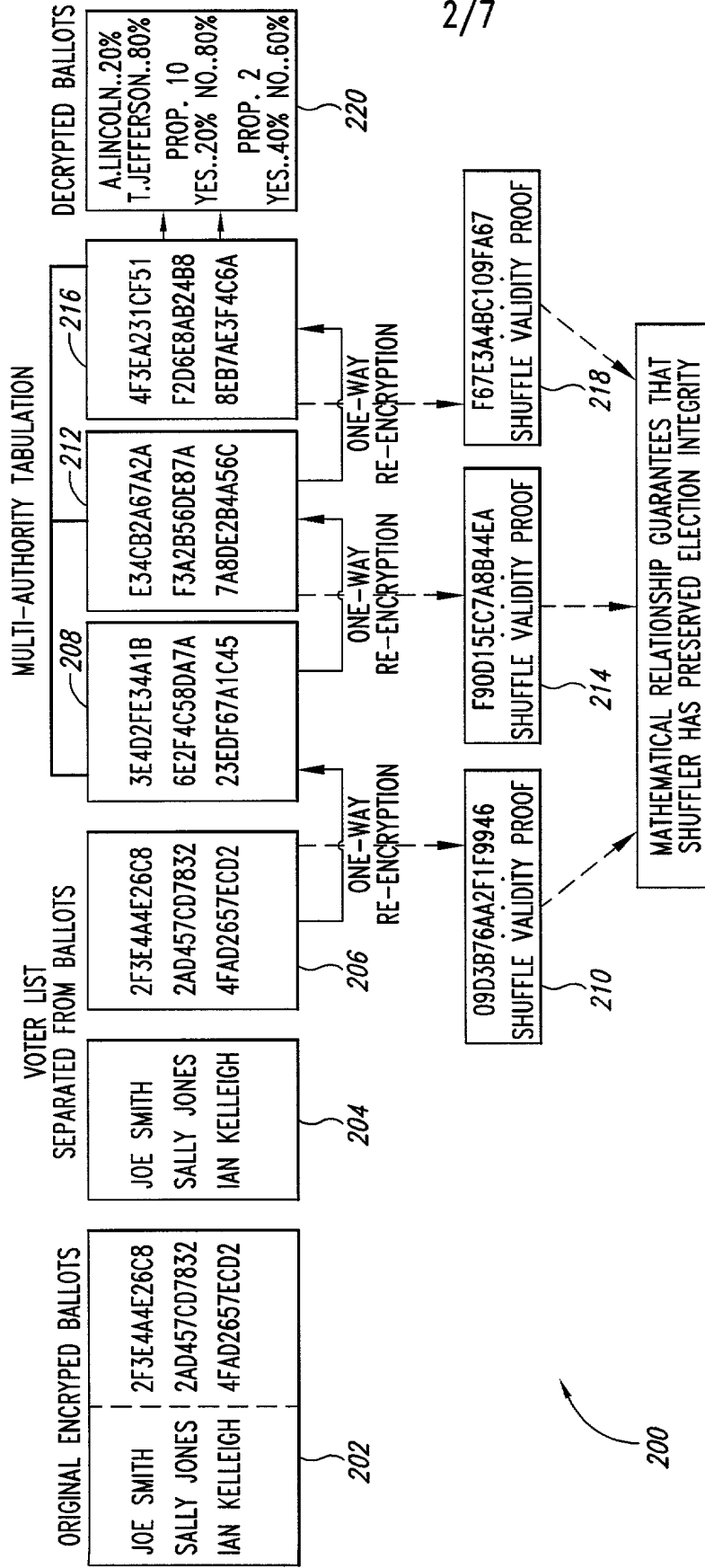


Fig. 2

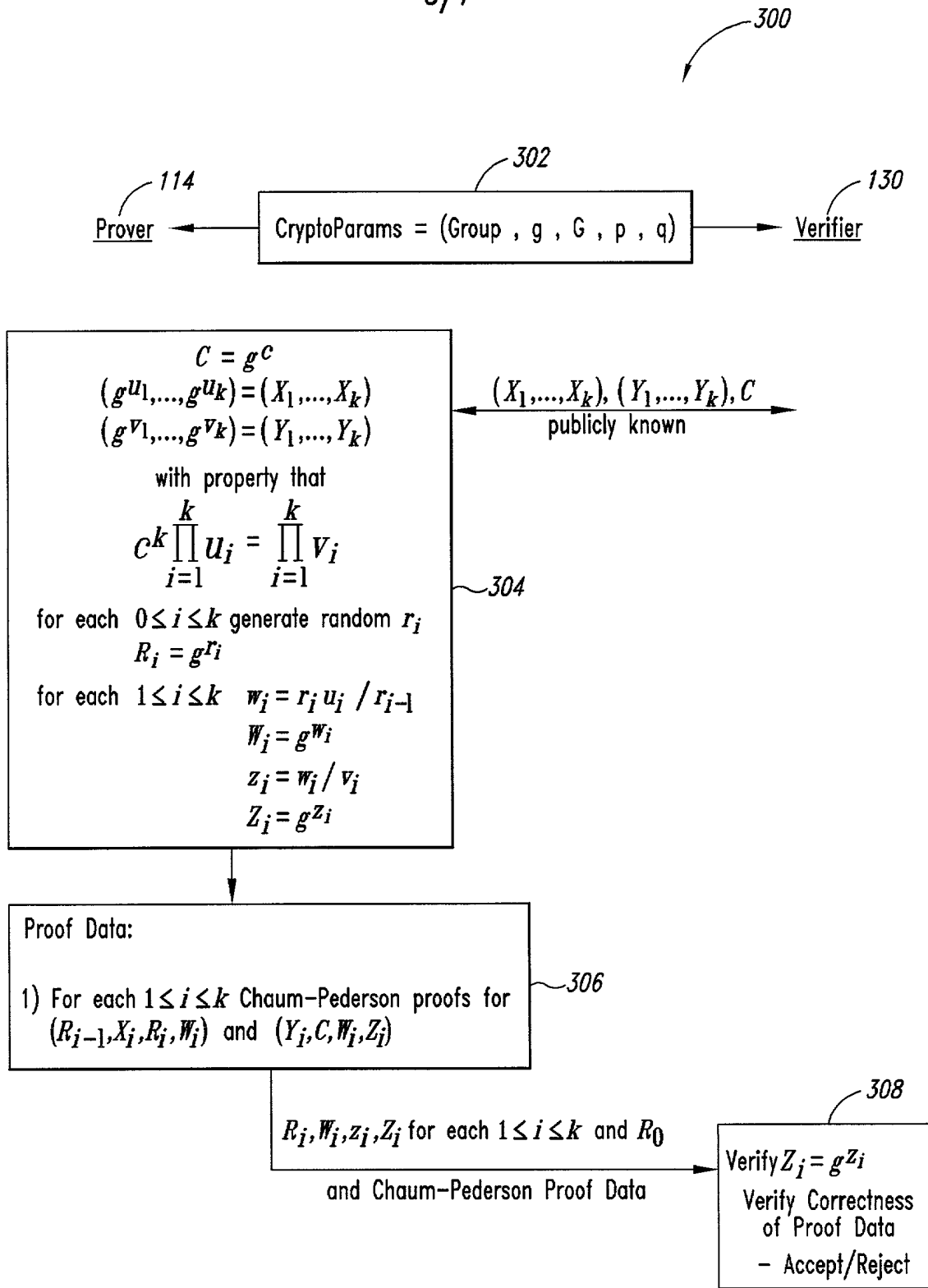


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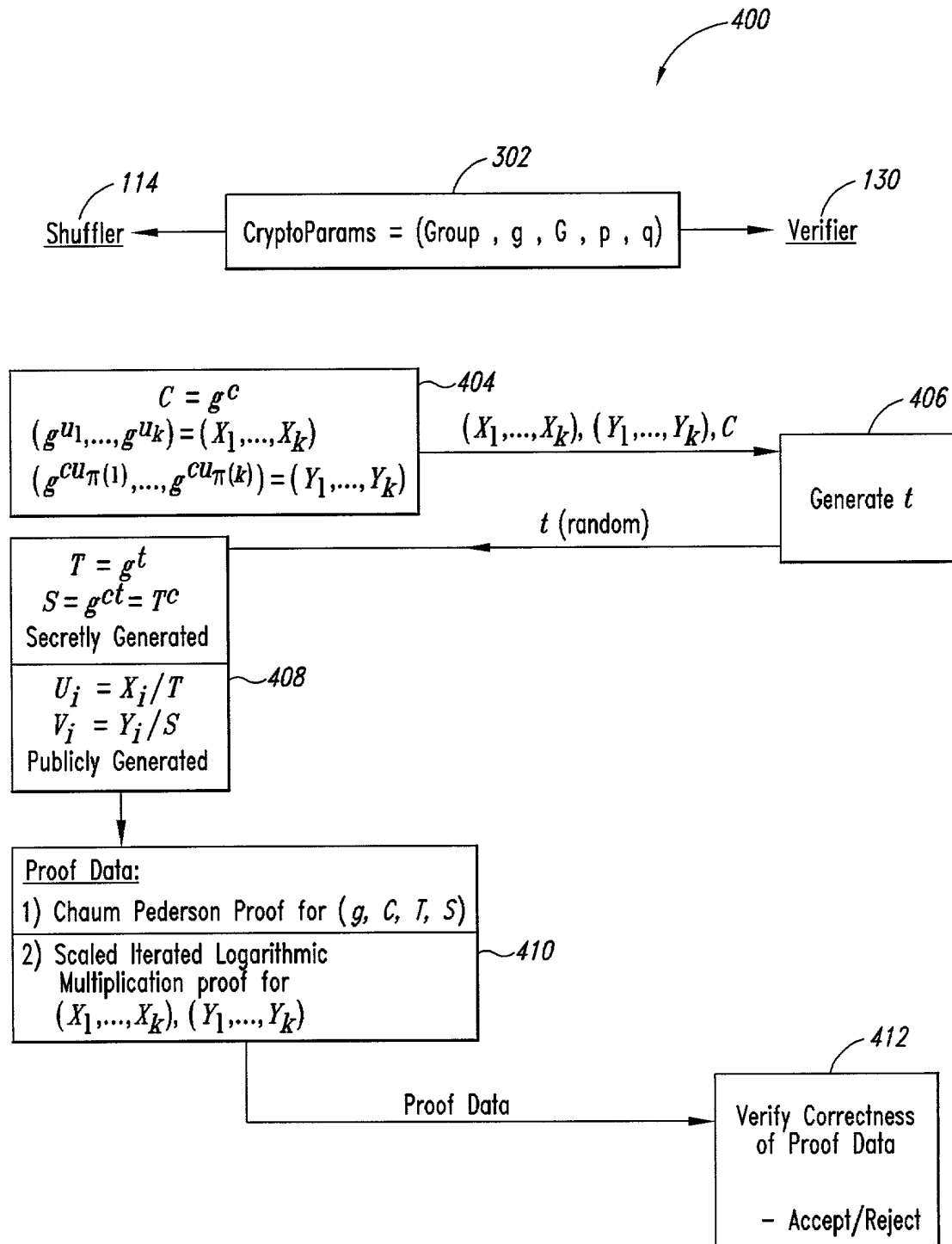


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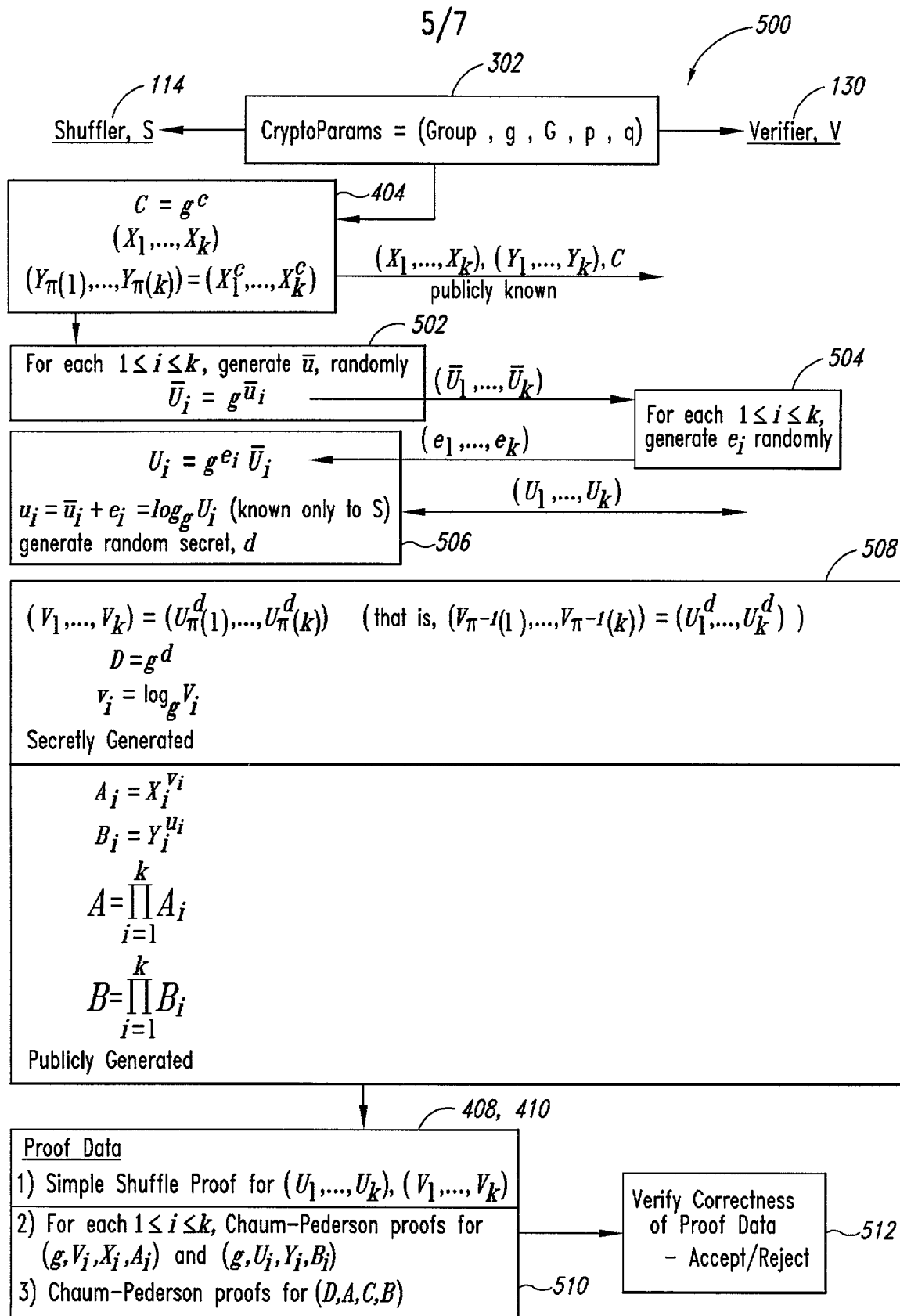


Fig. 5

Loop to beginning of this phase (ready for next anonymous authentication request)

Initialization

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CryptoParams = (Group, g , p , q) — published

K = set of standard public key pairs = $\{(g_1, h_1), \dots, (g_k, h_k)\}$ 704
 $H \subset K$ $J = K - H$

Registrants each know corresponding private key, s_j such that $h_j = g_j^{s_j}$ 606

Optional Randomization by Authorities

In sequence, each authority performs verifiable shuffle (of pairs) on K using $(g, C = g^C)$ as the shuffle commitment, and returns the shuffled set, K' , along with the shuffle verification transcript, $T(K, K', G, C)$

If the verification transcript is correct. Registration Server performs the substitution

$$K = K'$$

and stores the previous values, along with the shuffle verification transcript for audit purposes.

(This can be performed as part of initialization, and/or, at any intermediate stage of anonymous certificate distribution.)

Anonymous Certificate Request and Generation Phase (each registrant in turn)

Registrant

Generate Request

anonymous authentication request

Registration Server

Retrieve H

H (contains registrant's public key)

- 1) Select subset $M \subset H$ of size $k' \leq k$ and set $M' = H - M$
- 2) Compute shuffle, H' , of M and verification transcript
- 3) Generate zero knowledge proof, P that registrant knows exponent s such that $(g'_j)^s = h'_j \in H'$ for specified index, $1 \leq j \leq k'$
- 4) Generate PKI Certificate Request with "random identifying information"
- 5) Safely store private key corresponding to this certificate request

$T(M, H', g, C), P$

R = PKI Certificate Request

- 1) Check shuffle verification transcript

- 2) Check P

If both checks pass

- 3) Set $K = J \cup M' \cup (H' - \{(g'_j, h'_j)\})$
 $k = k - 1$

- 4) Store $T(M, H', g, C)$ for audit purposes

- 5) Digitally sign R thereby creating PKI Certificate, $\Omega(R)$

Else, if any check fails

deny request

Loop to beginning of this phase (ready for next anonymous authentication request)